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Mothers firſt Letter, ſent vnto the King of *France*, her Sonne, from *Loche*, the 23. of *February*, 1619. *Stilo nouo.*

MY Lord my Sonne. I haue long ſuffered & endured my honor and liberty to be ſuppreſſed, and withall conceiued many ſtrong and ſtrange apprehenſions of the danger of my life, and that which moſt ſencibly moued me thereunto, was the depriuation of your ſight and preſence. All which in ſome ſort and manner being done vnder the authority of your name; with the like patience I would haue expected & attended the future euent thereof, without (for mine owne part) once ſeeking to know whether your proceedings and deſires be well or badly led: but being (to my great

griefe) informed of the manifeſt danger of your affaires, if you haue not ſpeedy knowledge and intelligence thereof, I am reſolutely determined to put my ſelfe into ſome ſure place, to the end that therein being free, and at liberty, I may giue you the vnderſtanding of that, which otherwiſe was impoſſible for mee to doe, being in the power and cuſtody of thoſe, which hide it from you, as the greateſt Lords of your Realme, and ſtrangers alſo haue with thouſands of proteſtations counſelled me to doe.

To this end I haue ventured a dangerous enterpriſe, and withall haue deſired my Coſen the duke *Deſpernon*, to permit me to retire vnto *Angouleſme*, whether I goe, vpon aſſurance of the true knowledge that I haue of the fidelitie and affection which he beareth to your good ſeruice, and for the moſt ancient friend, which the King your Father (of moſt happy memorie) my Lord and Huſband gaue vnto me, with charge in his latter daies to repoſe my confidence in him, and wholy to vſe his counſel and wiſdome in your moſt important, and mine owne particular affaires, if I haue any that can be ſeperated from yours. Which hauing done for your good, and to moue you to ſeeke a remedy againſt thoſe inconueniences which may in any wiſe trouble you, I perſwade my ſelfe that you will approue and allow of my reſolution, and take it well that I invite you therevnto by the moſt tender affections of a louing Mother, as alſo by the trueſt

trueſt duties which a faithfull ſubiect can in any wiſe yeelde vnto you, aſſuring you that you ſhall doe a thing which much imports your good, and extreamely obliege mee, if you graunt mee ſuch meanes and manner as it ſhall pleaſe you to allow of, thereby to make you know that which I ought to doe, without hatred or ambition, to the end I may ſee and behold you raigne happily, and your Kingdome peaceable. And for my part to make knowne, that in time paſt, preſent, and to come, I neuer had, nor will haue other intent and purpoſe, but to doe you ſeruice; for the which I will not onely forget al my diſpleaſures, but moſt willingly ſacrifice both my liberty and life, when the good counſell which you ought to haue, or your ſelfe, ſhall thinke it conuenient.

The delay whereof cannot but procure impoſſibility vnto the remedies, which now are eaſie, ſure, and honourable, as I will giue you to vnderſtand with all manner of ſincerity and reſpect, as alſo with proteſtation neuer after to deſire any authority touching the conduction or mannaging of your affaires: for, as I dealt therein with much danger and trouble in the time of your nonage, as dutie bound mee; ſo at this time I pretend to haue no other part therein but the glory, to ſee them gouerned by your ſelfe, with that dignity and authority which is due vnto you, and reioyce (as I would now preſently and gladly doe) to heare euery man contented with your raigne, and

to preach and ſet forth your vertues, and commendable praiſes, in ſuch a place wherein you ſhall thinke good, that I ſhall continue the reſt of my dayes. Beſeeching God (as continually I doe, with the moſt paſſionate feeling of my heart) for the proſperity of you, and all your kingdome, being moſt truely, euen in the vttermoſt degree of fidelity and affection, my good Lord and Sonne.

Your moſt humble and moſt

affectioned Mother and Subiect

MARIA.

From Loche, the 23. of February, 1619. Stile nouo.

Newes out of France: Kd with preceding

Concerning great troubles likely to enſue, by occaſion of the departure of the Queene Mother from *Blois*: And the cauſes thereof.

Contayned in the Letters of the ſaid Queene Mother, vnto her Sonne the *French* KING, and his Anſwere therevnto; manifeſting the Motiues of his taking vp Armes, and againſt whom he entends to imploy them. Dated the 17. of *March*, 1619.

VVith foure other Letters of the Queene Mother, to the Lord Chancelor, Keeper of the *Seales*; *Preſident* Iannin, *and Duke* de Mayenne, and the Prince of *Pyemont* his Letter vnto her, concerning theſe Affaires.

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Mary [de' Medici] Queen Consort of Henry IV
King of France
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THE LETTER

Written by the Queene Mother, and ſent from *Angouleſme* to the King of *France*: Bearing date the 10. of *March* 1619. *Stilo nouo.*

MY Lord, and deare Sonne, I am perſwaded that no man will approue the counſell that hath beene giuen vnto you, to abſtaine tenne dayes from returning an anſwere vnto my Letters, and then to put mee in a doubt how to vnderſtand your intentions, which to be borrowed from others, and none of yours,

I doe too much conceiue and apprehend, by the great numbers of Commiſſions, which are ſent forth vnder your Name to renforce and to leuie new companies of foot, and troupes of horſe, by the Switzers, which are ſaid to be ſent for, by the Cannons which are reported to be already mounted and ſet forward out of your Arſenall, and by the munitions of warre which are ſent againſt mee; I moſt humbly intreate you my Lord and deare Sonne, for a while to ſtay your proceedings, and withall to conſider, what you are by others moued to doe.

When I writ that I deſired to be ſo much oblieged vnto you, as that I might let you vnderſtand and know ſuch things ſpecially as import the good and furtherance of your ſeruice and eſtate, and to beleeue that the extremitie of the griefe which I conceaue for the armes and forces which you are counſelled to leuye, at this preſent doth in a manner kill mee. The ſtaine which is giuen to your name in all ages of a prodigious violence, and the deſolation of your people, which thereby will enſue, will doe you more wrong, then death can procure vnto me, in ſuch manner, that proſtrating my ſelfe at your feete; I beſeech

ſeech you, and earneſtly intreate you, ſpeedely to countermaund all your aforeſaid preparations of forces and armies now levyed, which are bent onely againſt mee, what ſhew ſoeuer is otherwiſe made & pretended, ſeeing they are preſently levyed vpon my departure from *Blois*, and that it is euidently knowne, that at this preſent you haue no other occaſion of ciuill or forraigne warre to moue you thereunto: And therefore once againe I earneſtly intreate you to giue eare vnto me; If my intent and determination had no other ground then onely a deſire to be freed of captiuitie, I thinke and certainely beleeue that no man could diſlike it; there being no law in the world, (no not among the Barbarians) which prohibiteth Priſoners to ſeeke for their libertie, and to ſecure their liues.

But ſeeing that I neuer had, nor yet haue, any intent or meaning but to let you know and be made acquainted with the euident danger of your affaires, as alſo of your good Subiects, eaſily to be perceiued, by the withdrawing of your perſon and your counſell from the greateſt and moſt noble perſonages of your realme; I am vndoubtedly perſwaded, that your bountie would gladly haue con-

ceiued the paſſion of my zeale, and withall commended the fidelitie and reſpect which I ought to haue, and owe vnto you, if it were not violently diuerted by thoſe, who diſdaining all the offers of amitie and good will, which in conſideration of you, I haue made vnto them, hazard the ſtate, and trouble the peace and tranquillity thereof, being perſwaded that they cannot build the miracle of their fortunes, but vpon my ruine, whereunto I would gladly conſent, if thereby I might further and procure the continuance of your greatneſſe.

I proteſt before God and his holy Angells, that for mine owne part, I pretend nothing, neither haue any other deſigne then that which I ought to haue, for the proſperitie of your raigne & kingdome: and for that I ſee & manifeſtly perceiue your eares to be ſtopped againſt my faithfull and iuſt ſupplications, I muſt and ſhall be conſtrained, preſently to make knowne in all places both of *France* and *Europe*, and hereafter vnto your ſelfe, the true proofes of my ſinceritie and innocencie, aſſuring you, that as much as I can, I will ſeeke meanes to impeach and hinder the force of armes, whereunto you are drawne,

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not onely againſt the law of God, but alſo of the whole world, and Nature, cauſing the great perſonages of your Monarchie, offended and diſcontented, to breake their bounds and to doe as much againſt the obedience whereunto (as it is well knowne) I alwaies counſelled them: But for mine owne part, I will in all places, vſe my libertie and my life to pleaſe and content you, but yet to oppoſe my ſelfe againſt the crueltie of thoſe that gouerne, if for the ſpace of this whole weeke I perceiue and ſee the continuance of the vniuſt forces, which at this preſent are prepared, contrary to that which I hope to finde in your good nature, and the equity of my cauſe, which I expect from God; I thinke I ſhall be forced by my iuſt and generall complaints, to publiſh and make knowne, that my deplorable misfortunes continually encreaſe by vniuſt and ſuperfluous exceſſe of the ambitions and feares of thoſe that ſoueraignely poſſeſſe your perſon and Kingdome: and that as by your permiſſion, (but yet with my moſt great diſpleaſure and diſlike) I ought to diſpoſe my actions to the neceſſities of defence, alwayes contayning my ſelfe ſo religiouſly within the bounds thereof, that I may onely

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draw you from an opinion of diſlike, for giuing mee leaue to ſuppreſſe them, that ſo I may preſerue my life, and the long dayes vpon earth, which I aſſure my ſelfe you will and wiſh vnto her, which is, and euer ſhall bee, whatſoeuer happeneth, my Lord and deare Sonne,

Your moſt humble and moſt

affectioned Mother and Subiect

MARIA.

From Angouleſme, the
10. *of March*, 1619.
Stilo nouo.